

a first lens having a positive refractive power at a center region and a negative refractive power at the peripheral thereof;

a second lens having a positive refractive power;

a third lens having a positive refractive power; and

a fourth lens having a negative refractive power.--

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-39. (New) The projection lens system according to claim 38/
of recesses with a shape of concentric circles are provided at the diffractive optical element
in such a manner to have a rotational symmetry.--

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-40. (New) The projection lens system according to claim 39/
of said recesses are decreased in such a manner that a phase amount is reduced as it goes
from the center of the diffractive optical element into the peripheral thereof.--